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## AVAQMD NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT/DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS

Lancaster – Antelope Valley business owners looking to pay for annual air quality permit renewals or contractors seeking to remit asbestos demolition fees now have a new time-saving option for submitting payment to the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District. Thanks to GOVPAYNET, a secure Internet-based transaction processing service, the local regulatory agency is now equipped to accept credit and debit cards as a form of payment for new and renewal permit fees, authorities to construct, asbestos permits, penalties, fines and other fees.

"The AVAQMD is proud to offer the convenience of this new service which not only saves our customers time, but also helps curb vehicle emissions by reducing trips to the District to pay fees in person," commented AVAQMD Governing Board Chair Marvin Crist.

Customers may use their credit or debit card to pay one of three ways: online, by phone, or by using a Gov\$wipe payment device located at the District's offices at 43301 Division Street, Suite 206, in Lancaster.

All major debit and credit cards are accepted and a service fee is added to each secure transaction, based on dollar value. To use the online payment option, visit the AVAQMD's website at <a href="https://www.avaqmd.ca.gov">www.avaqmd.ca.gov</a>. To use the pay by phone option, call (661) 723-8070.